

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 1-8 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Williams et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,109,925.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant's invention as currently amended is directed to a truck for a skateboard. The truck comprises a base structure for attachment to the deck of the skateboard. A yoke assembly has spaced-apart portions flexibly supported by the base structure by oppositely-facing upper and lower support structure insubstantial alignment. The yoke assembly includes a king-pin assembly including a king-pin for clamping the base structure and the yoke assembly together, so that with a pair of skateboard wheels carried by the truck, the arrangement is such that the rotational axis of the wheels is disposed substantially at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the king-pin. The rotational axis of the wheels is also disposed at a steering head angle between 45° and 20° to the vertical when the skateboard is at rest on the ground. It remains spaced from and substantially parallel to the plane containing the radial arc of the wheel axis as it rotates about the steering head angle. The plane is substantially perpendicular to the steering head angle.

On the other hand, the Examiner has stated that in Figure 3 of Williams et al.'925, the yoke assembly 32 is supported at an upper position at pivot 36 and at a lower position by finger portion 88 of the safety bracket 85. The Applicant does not agree that the finger portion 88 provides proper lower support for the yoke 32. However, as now amended, the claims include a yoke assembly having a spaced-apart portions flexibly

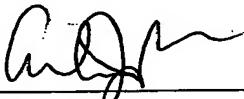
supported by the base structure by oppositely-facing upper and lower support structure insubstantial alignment. This is shown in Figure 1 of the present application.

On the other hand, in Figure 3 of Williams et al.'925, there is no alignment whatsoever between the pivot 36 and the finger portion 88. Thus, the Applicant believes their invention is not anticipated by Williams et al.'925.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are in proper form. The Applicants respectfully contend that Williams et al.'925, does not anticipate the claimed invention under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Thus, claims 1-12 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

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